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1. WE HAVE NOTED WITH CONCERN THE APRIL 26 ACCOUNT IN THE NATION OF PHICHLAI'S EQUIVOCAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF FORMER INDOCHINA MILITARY ASSETS.
2. OUR POLICY REMAINS THE SAME AS CONVEYED BY REFS. B, C, AND D.
3. THE ONLY SUCH ASSETS REMAINING IN THAILAND WERE TURNED OVER TO THE THAI SUBJECT TO THE USUAL RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING MAP AND FMS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING PROHIBITION ON THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER OR USE WITHOUT PRIOR USG CONSENT. THE THAI ARE UNDER LEGAL OBLIGATION TO US NOT REPEAT NOT TO SEND THIS EQUIPMENT TO INDOCHINA OR ANYWHERE ELSE WITHOUT OUR PRIOR CONSENT, WHICH CONSENT WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT REPEAT NOT, BE FORTHCOMING FOR INDOCHINA.

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON REFS B, C, AND D TO LET PHICHLAI KNOW OUR POLICY POSITION. IF YOU CHOOSE TO MAKE SUCH A DEMARCHE YOU MIGHT NOTE TO PHICHLAI

THAT THE USG, INCLUDING THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT TURNING OVER RECOVERED U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE COMMUNISTS. MOREOVER, HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT UNDER U.S. LAW, A COUNTRY WHICH USES U.S. FURNISHED EQUIPMENT IN SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS TO US THEREBY JEOPARDIZES ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE AND SALES. SISCO

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